

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 24 public bills, H.R. 4877–4900; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 96, H. Con. Res. 414, and H. Res. 436–438, were introduced. **Pages H3291–92**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1979, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide assistance for the construction of certain air traffic control towers, amended (H. Rept. 107–496). **Pages H3290–91**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaHood to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3231**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Dov Hazden, the Ner Tomid K Kosher Supervision Organization of Staten Island, New York. **Page H3231**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Kucinich motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 37 yeas to 363 nays, Roll No. 213. **Pages H3231–32**

**ABM Treaty Resolution:** Representative Kucinich rose to a point of privilege under Rule IX to offer a resolution that states in part that the President is not authorized to withdraw unilaterally from treaties in general, and the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty in particular, without the consent of Congress. Chairman Hyde raised a point of order against the resolution stating that it did not constitute a question of privilege. The Chair then sustained the Hyde point of order and ruled that the resolution did not constitute a question of privilege of the House under rule IX. Representative Kucinich appealed the ruling of the Chair and, subsequently, the House agreed to the Hyde motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair by a recorded vote of 254 yeas to 169 noes, Roll No. 214. **Pages H3232–38**

**Permanent Repeal of the Estate Tax:** The House passed H.R. 2143, to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent by a recorded vote of 256 yeas to 171 noes, Roll No. 219. **Pages H3249–76**

Rejected the Stenholm motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment that makes tax reductions contingent on certification by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget that the social security trust funds will not be raided during any year of the 10 year budget estimating period by a recorded vote of 205 yeas to 223 noes, Roll No. 218. **Pages H3274–76**

Rejected the Pomeroy substitute that sought to increase the estate tax exclusion to \$3 million effective January 2003 by a yea-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 231 noes, Roll No. 217. **Pages H3262–74**

H. Res. 435, the rule that provided for consideration for the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 216. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 215. **Pages H3238–49**

**Legislative Program:** The Chief Deputy Majority Whip announced the Legislative Program for the week of June 10. **Pages H3276–77**

**Meeting Hour—Monday, June 10:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 10. **Page H3277**

**Meeting Hour—Tuesday, June 11:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, June 10, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11 for morning hour debate. **Page H3277**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 12. **Page H3277**

**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

**Arctic Research Policy:** Message wherein he transmitted the Ninth Biennial Report of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (February 1, 2000 to January 31, 2002)—referred to the Committee on Science; and **Page H3277**

**Corporation for Public Broadcasting:** Message wherein he transmitted the report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for calendar year 2001—referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H3283**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3231–32, H3237–38, H3248, H3248–49, H3273–74, H3275–76, and H3276. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

**BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST—PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS**

**Committee on Agriculture:** Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry

held a hearing on Public Safety Concerns and Forest Management Hurdles in the Black Hills National Forest. Testimony was heard from Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and the Environment, USDA; John Twiss, Forest Supervisor, Black Hills National Forest, Custer, South Dakota; and a public witness.

#### **“ARE YASSER ARAFAT AND THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY CREDIBLE PARTNERS FOR PEACE?”**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism held a hearing on the question “Are Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority Credible Partners for Peace?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **SPECIAL EDUCATION REFERRAL AND IDENTIFICATION PROCESS REFORM**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Education held a hearing on “Learning Disabilities and Early Intervention Strategies: How to Reform the Special Education Referral and Identification Process.” Testimony was heard from Robert Pasternack, Assistant Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education; G. Reid Lyon, Research Psychologist and Chief, Child Development and Behavior Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; former Representative William F. Goodling of Pennsylvania; and a public witness.

#### **NIH—INVESTING IN RESEARCH**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The National Institutes of Health: Investing in Research to Prevent and Cure Disease.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of NIH, Department of Health and Human Services: Claude Lenfant, M.D., Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; and Audrey S. Penn, M.D., Acting Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Edward Sanchez, Commissioner, Department of Health, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

#### **DOE’S FREEDOMCAR**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “DOE’s FreedomCAR: Hurdles, Benchmarks for Progress, and Role in Energy Policy.” Testimony was heard from Jim Wells, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; David K. Garman, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

#### **FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATORY RELIEF ACT**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3951, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2002.

#### **FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on “The Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996: Are Agencies Meeting the Challenge?” Testimony was heard from Sally E. Thompson, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; Lloyd A. Blanchard, Chief Operating Officer, SBA; Donna R. McLean, Assistant Secretary, Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation; and Karen C. Alderman, Executive Director, Joint Financial Management Improvement Program.

#### **ASSESSMENT—CUBA BROADCASTING—VOICE OF FREEDOM**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on An Assessment of Cuba Broadcasting—The Voice of Freedom. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Dan Fisk, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; and Adolfo Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin American and the Caribbean, AID; the following officials of the Broadcasting Board of Governors: Brian Conniff, Director, Office of the International Broadcasting Bureau; and Salvador Lew, Director, Office of Cuba Broadcasting; and public witnesses.

#### **SOUTH ASIA—CURRENT CRISIS**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on The Current Crisis in South Asia. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3815, Presidential Historic Site Study Act; H.R. 4141, Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Protection and Enhancement Act of 2002; and H.R. 4620, America’s Wilderness Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ross and Otter; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Nina Hatfield, Deputy Director, and Larry Finfer, Assistant Director, Communications, both with the Bureau of

Land Management; Abigail Kimbell, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, USDA; and public witnesses.

#### **SMALL BUSINESS—COST OF REGULATIONS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs held a joint hearing on The Cost of Regulations to Small Business. Testimony was heard from John D. Graham, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; former Representative David McIntosh of Indiana; and public witnesses.

#### **RECENT DERAILMENTS AND RAILROAD SAFETY**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on Recent Derailments and Railroad Safety. Testimony was heard from Allan Rutter, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Marian Blakey, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Stephen Strachan, Vice President and Chief Transportation Officer, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak); and public witnesses.

#### **VA CLAIMS PROCESSING TASK FORCE'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the status of the VA's implementation of the VA Claims Processing Task Force's recommendations, and the potential for a greater VA/Veterans Service Organization "partnership." Testimony was heard from Daniel L. Cooper, Under Secretary, Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administra-

tion, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

#### **CORPORATE INVERSIONS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on Corporate Inversions. Testimony was heard from Pamela F. Olson, Acting Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury.

### ***Joint Meetings***

#### **9/11 INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION**

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence met in closed session to consider events surrounding September 11, 2001.

Committees will meet again on Tuesday, June 11.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2002**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### **House**

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy, hearing entitled "Meeting the Homeland Security Mission: Assessing Barriers to and Technology Solutions for Robust Information Sharing," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

##### **Joint Meetings**

*Joint Economic Committee:* to hold hearings to examine employment-unemployment situation for May, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth Building.